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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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| Application Number | 09/703,723 |
| Filing Date | 2 November 2000 #10 |
| First Named Inventor | Srihar RAMESH RCE |
| Group Art Unit | 2817 U/R/Examiner |
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission** required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
 - a. Previously submitted
 - i Consider the Amendment(s)/Response(s) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on 11 October 2002.
(Any unentered Amendment(s)/Response(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii Other _____
 - b. Enclosed
 - i Amendment/Response/Supplemental Response/Request for Examiner Interview Prior to First Action
 - ii Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv Other Petition for second and third one-month extensions of time
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(e) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - b. Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when RCE is filed.
 - a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge ONLY DEFICIENCIES in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135
 - i RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) (Code 1801)
 - ii Extension of time fees (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (Codes 1252/1253)
 - iii Other _____
 - b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

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